

He who controls the airwaves, controls public discourse. Democracy cannot exist when the biggest public forums, the radio and the television, are controlled by rich corporate interests whose only mission is to turn a profit for it's stock holders. The FCC should not pander to their interests and instead, should be looking out for the interests of the general public. If this does not happen, you will only succeed in creating an environment where high quality programming of a truly diverse and objective nature will only be available through "pirate" radio and television sources or other "alternative" means, thus pushing the citizen attempting to keep him/herself well informed into the fringes of society and possibly even into an outlaw. If we do not succeed in reversing the consolidation of mass media by corporate interests, we will only hasten the de-evolution of democracy.